tion nylon bags and dousti bags which do not accumulate dust so easily have been introduced progressively in place of the jute bags.

(e) The plan for installing bag dedusting plants in the country fell through because of the inability of the contracted Company to develop successful prototype which could provide the desired level of performance.

Losses from Postal Services

71. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts is incurring unit loss in most of its operations including from Registered letter/parcels, newspapers and periodicals etc. excepting on speed-post letters;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years and unit realisations from such operations vis-a-vis units costs; and

(c) the manner in which the total revenue deficit of the Department is ought to be contained, despite heavy operational losses from postal services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c) Efforts are continuously made to contain the working expenses by adopting strict economy measures and expenditure control as also by simplification of procedures wherever possible.

Statement

Cost and revenue of postal service (in deficit)

(In paise per Unit)

Services	1992-93			1993-94		
	Cost	Revenue	Deficit	Cost	Revenue	Deficit
Postcards . . .	154.25	15.00	139.25	156.87	15.00	141.87
Printed Cards . . .	144.19	60.00	84.19	145.76	60.00	85.76
Letter cards . . .	156.50	75.00	81.50	160.93	75.00	85.93
Reg. Newspapers						
Single	211.72	25.67	186.05	204.99	25.34	179.65
Bundle	277.53	45.11	232.42	263.21	46.36	216.85
Book Post						
B. pattern & S. packets	228.25	178.93	49.32	220.06	207.19	12.87
Printed Books . .	294.20	151.71	142.49	277.79	155.64	122.15
Other Pariodicals . .	327.09	128.55	198.54	307.46	152.00	155.46
Parcels	2210.98	1701.69	509.29	1939.75	1646.25	293.50
Registration . .	1036.37	600.00	436.37	990.34	600.00	390.34
Insurance . . .	1375.86	1101.00	274.86	1336.02	1477.53	141.51
Money Orders. . .	1409.33	1096.78	312.55	1328.04	1167.63	160.41